

Software Underground

Board Meeting

27 February 2024

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Tuesday 27 Feb 2024. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Matt

Regrets:

Present: Dieter, Jo, Leo, Matt, Santi, Sissi

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

Remarks

- None

Mattermost

Matt meeting JK today, right after this. Will be asking about invoicing, and a meeting with Santi.

Remarks:

- Main topics for meeting with JK:
 - Backups
 - Subscription on the hosting service
 - Give access to the server to other people (as backup)
 - Invoice
 - Slack backup:
 - Should we make it available and searchable?

- We can't make it public to the web
 - Have the archive as a “Team”? It might not work...
 - Store the Slack backups in the same location where the backups are
 - Goal: make it accessible to users authenticated through Mattermost
- Data policy discussions
 - What are the GDPR requirements regarding lifetime of the Slack data?
 - What to do after request of deletion of some content (specially stuff in the backup or in the Slack archive)
- Getting started guide for Mattermost (now living in the repo):
 - <https://github.com/softwareunderground/mattermost>
 - Include it in the website, in the Mattermost page
 - Welcome bot? We might add one?

Financial note

Matt has been in touch with the bank, but no action yet.

Remarks:

- Keep using the same bank branch in Nova Scotia
 - Matteo will take the lead

Sustainability

Ideas to spread the load from Matt of making Software Underground work among the board and the rest of the community.

- Committees to delegate some tasks to
- People who have to be in Canada:
 - Responsible for filing info and forms with the government
 - Responsible for the finances (bank mainly)
- Main topics that are handled by Matt on its own:
 - Financial bits
 - Website edits
 - Store
 - Domain
- Talks about moving from non-profit to under the umbrella of a fiscal sponsor
 - <https://opencollective.com/fiscal-hosting>

- <https://opencollective.com/europe> <- may be an option for a fiscal sponsor
- Shared passwords for services that don't allow multiple owners:
 - Using a password manager would be good for those.
 - There is free 1password for teams:
 - <https://github.com/1Password/1password-teams-open-source>
- Someone else can lead the board meetings
 - Leo will host the next one

Events

Still need to put a message around seeking contributions.

Remarks:

- **We will talk about this again next time.**

Next meeting

Tuesday 26 March at 16.00 UTC. It is in the calendar already

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/event?action=TEMPLATE&tmeid=Mm92MjRoNjlha292NmE5cmpyYWdzYm83ZWZfMjAyNDZMjZUMTYwMDAwWiBmZzBnbDlwNnU3anF1NTc2MHVnb29sNjczMEBn&tmsrc=fg0gl9p6u7jqu5760ugool6730%40group.calendar.google.com&scp=ALL>

Remarks:

- **Move to 19th of March to avoid overlapping with Easter holiday**
- **Request to have meetings every 6 or 8 weeks**
- **Leo will lead this meeting**

Any other business

SimPEG is trying out a team on Mattermost. They may move from their Slack.

Santi went to an agrogeophysics workshop. They have a free Slack and maybe would want to move to a team on our Mattermost. They use a lot of OSS for geophysics and align well with SwUng.

Remarks:

- **None**

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into future board meeting(s):

- We still need to update the tech spreadsheet:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2zjLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).